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**NEW CHESTERFIELD, NH – BRATTLEBORO, VT BRIDGE OPENS TO TRAFFIC**  
**430-FOOT LONG BRIDGE CARRIES NH ROUTE 9 OVER THE CONNECTICUT RIVER**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the new bridge carrying NH Route 9 between Chesterfield, New Hampshire and Brattleboro, Vermont is now open to traffic.

Final paint striping on the newly aligned roadway and bridge took place this morning and traffic was shifted onto the new bridge early this afternoon (September 24).

The new 430-foot long steel arch bridge has a higher clearance and a 10-foot shoulder on the new alignment, just north of its predecessor, which was built in 1936.

Construction on the \$15.4 million project began in October 2001.

Additional work on the project over the next few weeks will include drainage installation, pavement removal on the old road alignment and the construction of a sidewalk.

The general contractor for the project is Cianbro Corp. of Pittsfield, Maine.